

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, 23,391 domestic violence incidents were reported to Delaware law enforcement agencies during 2016; and

Whereas, 13,580 of those domestic violence incidents reported were criminal incidents; and

Whereas, 1,941 of those criminal incidents resulted in physical injury; and

Whereas, 4,701 of those incidents reported had children present; and

Whereas, 3,703 calls were received by the domestic violence hotlines throughout the state; and

Whereas, victims with a history of intimate partner violence report significantly higher rates of chronic pain, difficulty sleeping and activity limitations, compared to those with no history of intimate partner violence; and

Whereas, children exposed to domestic violence in their homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

Whereas, victims of violence should have access to supportive services such as shelter, counseling, transitional housing, medical and legal services, so they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

Whereas, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, child welfare agencies, health care providers, allied professionals, and victims' services agencies to assist victims of domestic violence and their families in Delaware; and

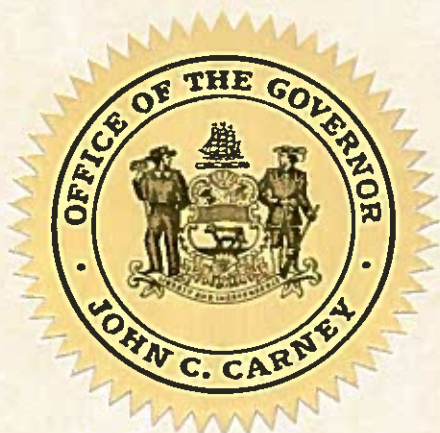
Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the agencies and organizations who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and

Whereas, this year marks the 30th anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

*Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor,
and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare October 2017, as*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and we urge all Delawareans to support community efforts to end domestic violence and to promote safe and respectful relationships.



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